



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME RICHARD LANE DENNIS

Rank E-5/Sergeant

Status Veteran

Service Branch and MOS USMC/0321 Reconnaissance Man

Hometown Alpharetta, Georgia

Current Location Acworth, Georgia

Injury or Illness Level 1 Spinal Fusion for fractured L5, PTSD, TBI, Depression, Anxiety, Adjustment Disorder, Mood Disorder, Ulcerative Colitis, Osteoarthritis, Chronic Migraines, Chronic Body Pain, Hypertension, R Shoulder arthroscopy and bicep tendon repair, L Shoulder Rotator Cuff tear with multiple Labrum tears and bicep tendon tear, L Knee torn meniscus

Event(s) Archery, Cycling, and Wheelchair Basketball

PERSONAL PROFILE

Sgt. Dennis joined the Marine Corps in May 2002 as a 7212 LAAD gunner. In 2003, he suffered a traumatic brain injury and had to have brain surgery, which resulted in a cognitive disorder and permanent brain damage. In 2004, he deployed to the Al Anbar Province in Iraq in support of Operation Noble Eagle. He laterally moved to reconnaissance in 2006 and quickly became a team leader. He served with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reconnaissance. He operated in many countries while with recon and acquired many injuries and illnesses to include: fractured L5 vertebra which resulted in a Level 1 Spinal fusion; Ulcerative Colitis from a multiple parasitic infection from the Philippines; generalized osteoarthritis; degenerative disc disease; chronic migraines; torn meniscus in left knee (surgery pending); torn rotator cuff/ multiple labrum tears/ bicep tendon tear in left shoulder (surgery pending); SLAP tear with multiple labrum tears/ bicep tendon tear in right shoulder (surgery completed); hypertension; PTSD; depression; anxiety; mood disorder; and adjustment disorder.

He retired in April 2015 and is currently living in Acworth, Ga. He is currently going to school through a VOC program with the VA. The hardest part of his recovery has been dealing with the constant pain and not letting it affect his loved ones. The greatest part of his recovery was his time at Wounded Warrior Regiment. What he likes about the Warrior Games is that for so long, his injuries were overlooked and brushed aside, but the Games make him feel like someone does care.

